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SUBJECT: LEGAL REPRESENTATION AVAILABLE TO AMERICANS ARRESTED
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1. CHILEAN COURTS REQUIRE THE JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE BRANCH
OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION TO ASSIGN ATTORNEYS FOR PEOPLE
ACCUSED OF CRIMES WHO CANNOT PAY FOR THEIR OWN LEGAL COUNSEL.
THE BRANCH DESIGNATES LICENSED AND PRACTICING ATTORNEYS.
VARIOUS SOURCES AGREE THAT THE SYSTEM WORKS FAIRLY WELL.

2. AS ELSEWHERE, THERE IS SOME QUESTION ABOUT THE ATTORNEYS'
FERVOR ABSENT FINANCIAL INCENTIVES AND GIVEN THE TIME CONSUMING
HOMEWORK AND INCONVENIENCE NEEDED TO PULL TOGETHER THE
WRITTEN PROOFS FOR SUBMISSION TO THE INVESTIGATING JUDGE.
BASED UPON THE EMBASSY'S LIMITED EXPERIENCE THE SYSTEM DOES
NOT PROVIDE MUCH HELP FOR A PERSON WHO IS FACED WITH A
LEGAL AND BUREAUCRATIC LABYRINTH IN SEEKING PAROLE, PARDON
OR COMMUTATION -- MATTERS ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY IN THE HANDS
OF THE EXECUTIVE IN THE LATIN LEGAL SYSTEM.
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